

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A ~~using method for the wood chip capsule~~method of using a wood chip, which method comprises the steps of:

(a) manufacturing a wood chip;

(b) drying ~~naturally to 10-40% water content~~the wood chip to a 10-40% moisture content;

(c) permeating more than one ~~selected from the group consisting of a~~ fertilizer, pesticides and a pesticide or a plant growth regulator into said wood chip by a pressurized method or an immersion method; and

(d) mixing at ~~different rates according to the uses and applying the wood chip capsule produced said step (c)~~different rates of fertilizer, pesticide or plant growth regulator according to the crops demand.

10. (canceled)

11. **(new)** A method of using a wood chip, which method comprises:

(a) drying one or more wood chips to a 10-40% moisture content;

(b) applying more than one selected from the group consisting of a fertilizer, a pesticide, and a plant growth regulator to the dried wood chips, by a pressurized method or an immersion method, under conditions to permeate the fertilizer, pesticide or plant growth regulator into the dried wood chips to produce treated wood chips; and

(c) mixing the treated wood chips permeated having different fertilizers, pesticides, or plant growth regulators, to obtain a mixture of treated wood chips.

12. **(New)** The method of claim 11, wherein the drying step (a) is performed by air drying.

13. **(New)** The method of claim 11, wherein the pressurized method in step (b) is performed at a temperature of about 15-30°C, at a pressure of about 1-40 kgf/cm² in a vacuum at about 720-760 mmHg, for approximately one to two hours.

14. **(New)** The method of claim 11, wherein the wood chip is approximately 5 mm thick, 25 mm wide, and 30 mm long.

15. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein a pit in a plant cell wall of the wood chip is about 4-10 μm in size.

16. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the wood chip is at least one kind of wood selected from the group consisting of: pine, larch, heartwood, sapwood, *Quercus*, and *Populus*.

17. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising applying the mixture of treated wood chips to crops.